

2020-2021

Profile

BLAKE

THE BLAKE SCHOOL is an independent, nonsectarian, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve co-educational day school. Founded in 1900, the school has campuses in Hopkins, Minneapolis and Wayzata. The Upper School, enrolling 538 students, is located near downtown Minneapolis. The student teacher ratio is 8:1 and the average class size of 16 allows faculty and administrators to know each student individually. Advanced degrees are held by 75% of the Upper School faculty. Four members of the Upper School faculty are published authors; two are AP readers.

ACCREDITATION is by the Independent School Association of the Central States. The school holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools, the Cum Laude Society, the College Board and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

ADMISSION is selective and based on examinations, records and personal interviews. Students come from 61 communities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area and 24% of our students receive need-based financial assistance.

THE BLAKE CURRICULUM offers a rigorous college preparatory program with core graduation requirements in five academic disciplines as well as the arts. Twenty-two credits must be earned in grades nine through twelve.

Five **Honors** courses are offered in mathematics and science.

Nineteen **Advanced Placement** courses are offered in all disciplines except the arts.

Courses beyond AP: *English:* Juniors can take AP English Literature and Composition and all senior English electives are taught at a post-AP level. *Mathematics:* Advanced Topics: Conjectures, Refutations and Proofs; Advanced Topics: Linear Algebra with Topics in Multivariable Calculus, Advanced Topics: Game Theory and Networks; *Modern and Classical Languages:* Advanced Classics: Age of Augustus and Empire; Advanced Classics: Politics and Poetry; Advanced Topics: Chinese Culture and Literature, LeMonde Francophone: Advanced Hispanic Culture and Literature; Advanced Topics: Hispanic Theater and Film

Global Online Academy: The Blake School is a participating member of Global Online Academy, a consortium of the world's leading independent schools whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.

Every senior is required to take Senior Seminar; Communication & Society and deliver an assembly speech before the entire Upper School community.

GLOBAL PROGRAMS AT BLAKE

Global citizenship and cultural competence are emphasized throughout the academic curriculum, and students have the opportunity each year to participate in a 12- or 21-day global immersion program. Students are also encouraged to consider semester or year-long study abroad opportunities. While involved in Blake-sponsored travel and immersion, intentional efforts are made to help students develop leadership skills, empathy, cultural competency and resilience. In recent years, students have studied and traveled to Vietnam, Cuba, Sierra Leone, China, Rwanda, India and Mexico. Upon returning, students are expected to formally and informally share their experiences with the larger community through presentations, exhibits and media.

GRADING/TESTING: We do not weight grades nor do we rank students. In the past four years, the mid-50% grade point on a 4.00 scale has been 3.31 – 3.81. The mid-50% of SAT scores have been 1330 – 1500, and the ACT Composite has been 29 – 34.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE is based on a four-point scale, including all Blake courses beginning in ninth grade. Only classes taken at Blake during the academic year are included in the GPA. Summer courses, college classes or other academic work may be listed on the transcript but are not included in the grade point average. *Honors, AP and CIS courses are not weighted.*

Letter Grades	Point Scale
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
F	No Credit

STANDARDIZED TESTING: CLASSES 2018-2020

SAT (Mean Score)			NATIONAL MERIT				
	2018	2019	2020		2018	2019	2020
EBRW	684	691	684	Semifinalists/Finalists	8	13	15
Math	689	699	701	Commended	15	19	8
Composite Score	1373	1390	1385	Nat'l Hispanic Scholar	2	1	1
				TOTAL	25	33	24
ACT (Median Score)			AP AWARDS				
	2018	2019	2020		2018	2019	2020
Composite Score	31	31	31	AP Scholars	36	28	45
				Scholars - Honors	22	26	27
				Scholars - Distinction	77	74	61
				National AP Scholars	16	15	17
				TOTAL	151	143	150

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORES FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+	Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+
U.S. History	74	86%	55%	Physics I	33	73%	45%
European History	37	89%	70%	Physics C, Mechanics	18	94%	89%
U.S. Gov't & Pol	35	83%	51%	Physics C, E & M	15	80%	67%
English Literature	47	98%	70%	Chemistry	9	100%	78%
English Language	33	91%	36%	Biology	30	100%	70%
Calculus AB	45	82%	60%	Spanish Lang & Lit	39	100%	87%
Calculus BC	43	98%	77%	French Lang & Lit	9	100%	89%
Statistics	10	70%	50%	Latin Lit	5	100%	60%

COURSE SELECTION FOR BLAKE SCHOOL: CLASS OF 2021 (Statistics represent a class of 136 Seniors)

SCIENCE	# Students	Percent	MODERN AND CLASSICAL	# Students	Percent
AP or Honors Chemistry	64	47%	Total with 4 & 5 years of Language	106	78%
AP or Honors (C & II) Physics	69	51%	Total All AP Language	79	58%
AP Biology	34	25%			
MATHEMATICS			ENGLISH		
Pre-Calculus (Regular & Honors)	119	88%	AP English Literature	50	37%
AP Statistics	18	13%			
Calculus	42	31%	SOCIAL STUDIES		
AP Calculus (AB/BC)	61	45%	AP Microeconomics	43	32%
AP Calculus BC & Adv. Topics	18	13%	AP European History	43	32%
			AP U.S. Government & Politics	69	51%
			AP U.S. History	77	57%

STATISTICS AND RECOGNITION: CLASS OF 2021

27 NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION (20% Class of 2021)

- 7 National Merit Semifinalists (5%)
- 16 National Merit Commended (12%)
- 3 National Hispanic Scholar (2%)
- 1 National Indigenous Recognition (1%)

CLASS GPA: Average - 3.57

63 ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS (46% class of 2021 after junior year)

- 24 AP Scholars (3 AP exams)
- 19 AP Scholars with Honors (4 AP exams)
- 18 AP Scholars with Distinction (5+ AP exams)
- 2 National AP Scholar

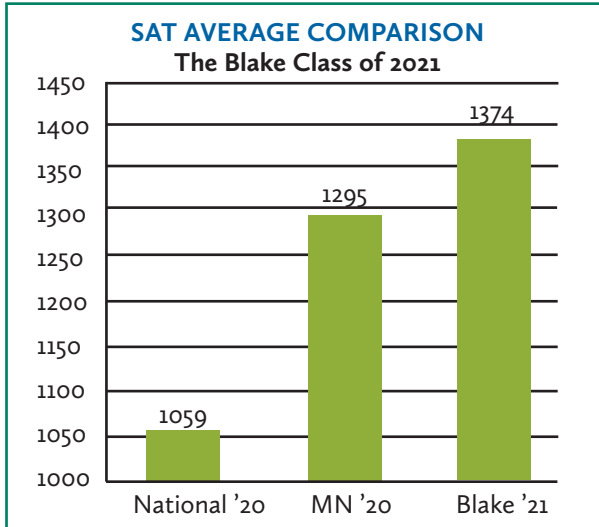
Middle 50%: 3.39 - 3.88

DISTRIBUTION OF SAT SCORES (Based on testing 21 of 136 students)

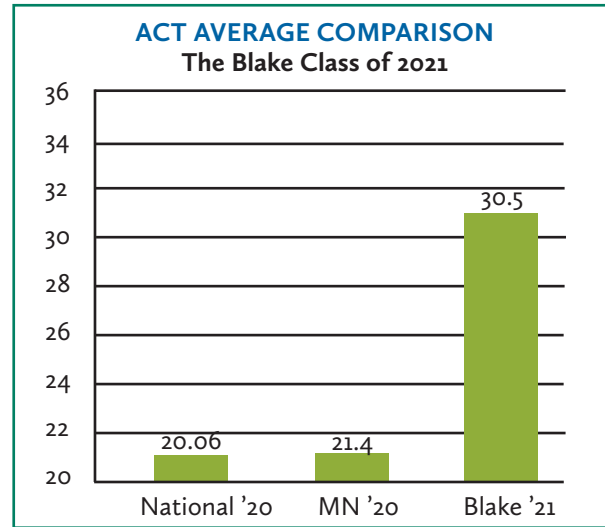
Score Range	CR Percent	Math Percent
700-800	38%	43%
600-699	52%	52%
500-599	10%	5%
450-499	0%	0%
Middle 50%:	EBRW Mathematics	640 - 715 655 - 765

DISTRIBUTION OF ACT SCORES (Based on testing 117 of 136 students)

Score	Percent
31-36	64%
26-30	26%
21-25	9%
0-20	1%
Middle 50%:	29 - 34
Composite Average:	30.5



In Minnesota, 3% of graduating seniors take the SAT.



In Minnesota, 100% of graduating seniors take the ACT.

PROFILE COVID-19 STATEMENT: In response to the pandemic, Blake shifted to remote learning for the fourth quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year. Students received letter grades for their work.

Blake started the 2020-2021 school year in a hybrid model in which half of our students are in the building each day. Students had the option to select fully remote learning, and cameras were installed in all classrooms to facilitate remote participation in classes. On Nov. 5, 2020, Blake moved to full remote learning and resumed our hybrid schedule on January 19, 2021. Students will continue to receive letter grades.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2017-2020

During the past four years, 497 graduates matriculated to the following colleges and universities. The remaining students chose a different path including postgraduate year, work, international travel/study or other alternatives before beginning postsecondary education.

10+ GRADUATES TO:

38 - U. Minnesota, TC
18 - Wash. U., St. Louis
15 - U. WI, Madison
13 - Macalester
11 - Northwestern U.
10 - Boston U.
10 - Carleton
10 - Yale U.

5 – 9 GRADUATES TO:

9 - Colgate U.
9 - Middlebury
9 - Tulane U.
8 - St. Olaf
7 - U. of CO-Boulder
7 - Dartmouth
7 - U. of Michigan
7 - Wake Forest U.
6 - U. of Chicago
6 - U. of Denver
6 - Loyola Marymount U.
6 - Miami U., Oxford
6 - Pomona
6 - Tufts U.
5 - Boston College
5 - U. of CA, Los Angeles
5 - Georgetown U.
5 - Gustavus Adolphus
5 - St. John's U.
5 - Southern Methodist U.
5 - Wellesley
5 - Whitman
5 - Williams

2 – 4 GRADUATES TO:

4 - Babson
4 - Bates
4 - U. of CA, Berkeley
4 - Chapman U.
4 - Colby
4 - Cornell U.
4 - Emory U.

4 - Indiana U.-Bloomington
4 - Lafayette
4 - New York U.
4 - U. of Pennsylvania
4 - U. of Puget Sound
4 - Purdue U.
4 - Smith
3 - Barnard
3 - Brown U.
3 - Carnegie Mellon U.
3 - Claremont McKenna
3 - Columbia U.
3 - Davidson
3 - Harvard
3 - Johns Hopkins U.
3 - Lake Forest
3 - Lawrence U.
3 - Lehigh U.
3 - Lewis & Clark
3 - MIT
3 - Northeastern U.
3 - U. of Notre Dame
3 - U. of San Diego
3 - Scripps
3 - Skidmore
3 - U. of Southern CA
3 - Stanford U.
3 - Trinity College
3 - Vassar
2 - American U.
2 - Bowdoin
2 - Bryn Mawr
2 - U. of CA, San Diego
2 - Denison U.
2 - DePaul U.
2 - Duke
2 - Elon U.
2 - Flagler
2 - Hamilton
2 - Hamline U.
2 - Hobart & William Smith
2 - Kenyon
2 - Knox

2 - Occidental
2 - Pepperdine U.
2 - U. of Redlands
2 - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
2 - Rice U.
3 - Santa Clara U.
2 - St. Catherine U.
2 - U. of St. Thomas
2 - Swarthmore
2 - Syracuse U.
2 - Trinity College, Dublin
2 - Wesleyan U.
2 - Wheaton College, IL

1 GRADUATE TO:

Amherst
Arizona State U.-Tempe
Augsburg U.
Bard
Barrett, The Honors College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Bennington
Bentley U.
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Connecticut College
Drake U.
Drexel U.
Fordham U.
Franklin & Marshall
George Washington U.
Georgia Inst. of Technology
Hampton U.
Harvey Mudd
High Point U.
College of the Holy Cross
Howard U.
Louisiana State U.
Marist
Marquette U.
Milwaukee Inst. of Art & Design

Minneapolis College
Montclair State U.
Oberlin
Penn State U.
Rollins
College of St. Benedict
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of Art Inst of Chicago
Texas A&M U.
Texas Christian U.
United States Air Force Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy, Army
U. of Arizona
U. of Edinburgh
U. of Tampa
U. of Virginia
U. of Washington
Valparaiso U.
Vanderbilt U.
Washington & Lee U.
Whittier
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The College of Wooster

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